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Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting February 26, 2009

The Stated Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on Thursday February 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room at City Hall, Reading, PA 19601.

Present were: Board Members; Mr. John Ulrich, Mr. Joseph Kuzminski, Mr. Thomas Brogan and Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III. Mr. Dean Miller, Contract Executive Director, RAWA. Ms. Susan Days, Chief Administrative Coordinator, RAWA. Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineers. Mr. Kerry Heckman, Contracted Government Accountant. Mr. Michael Setley, RAWA Solicitor. Absent was Board Member, Ms. Donna Glaze.

Mrs. Isabella Fick was present to discuss her water/sewer bill and her request for a water adjustment. Present with Mrs. Fick was Councilman Mr. Stratton Marmarou. After discussions between the Board, Ms. Susan Days, Mrs. Fick and Mr. Marmarou the board made a motion to approve an amount agreeable with Mrs. Fick. Mr. Setley instructed Mrs. Fick to discuss the amounts with Ms. Susan Days. It was stated by the Board to remove the account from collections along with the charges from collections, penalties in addition to the adjustment.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Thomas Brogan to approve an adjustment to Mrs. Fick's account at 1918 Palm Street in the amount of \$553.00 with the approval of the City of Reading Sewer Department for the sewer portion of the bill. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vaughan Spencer, City of Reading City Council President was present to discuss a letter that he had shown to each Board Member in which Mr. Spencer had received from Dr. Chapman regarding the Reading School District Meters. There was discussion in regards to the letter. Mr. Spence acknowledges that the

City of Reading City Council had until March 10, 2009 as their deadline to make a decision on this matter.

There was discussion of the agreement between the City of Reading and the Reading Area School District. Mr. Brogan stated that the letter retrogresses what was originally stated to the Board. Mr. Ulrich added that he feels that the School District should pay for the water like every other entity. Mr. Brogan asked Mr. Miller for the estimated cost of the water meters for the Reading School District.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Thomas Brogan to approve the minutes as presented of the February 10, 2009 Stated Meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

- Invoices for February 2009: \$ 75,218.50
- Capital Invoices for February 2009: \$ 35,978.96

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Mr. Thomas Brogan to authorize the payment of the outstanding invoices as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineers Report: Mr. Thomas Weld, Engineer, RAWA:

- Stop Logs: The new logs were delivered on time and the liquidated damages will be placed back on if the contractor does not replace the logs.
- Cell # 5: Clay liner has to be re-evaluated. The Clay that was originally placed in the specifications is not being produced any further. BCM will contact PADEP to see if there is acceptable clay that can be used in lieu of the problem with the existing clay that was outlined.
- Standby Generator I and II: Has been delayed due to RAWA is currently waiting on the delivery. The generators should be delivered in Mid March.
- Alum Tanks: RAWA awaiting the request for final permits. Authority waiting on request of the grant.
- Cotton Street: Contracts were given to Mr. Michael Setley for review. Met with Police Department of the City of Reading to discuss critical issues.
- Birdsboro: Aerial was taken of the potential water line extension area. There will be a formal presentation on March 16, 2009.
- Waters Edge: Reviewed condemnation.
- Reading School District Meters: Working on a plan with the School District draft of the meters, sizes and backflow preventers.
- Developer Activities.

Solicitors Report: Mr. Michael Setley, Solicitor, RAWA:

- Waters Edge: Problems obtaining an easement for the under path in retrospect to the Waters Edge Project. Mr. Setley mentioned his opinion would be to condemn the easement. Mr. Setley stated that the developers would pay for the condemnation of the land.

- Ashley Booster Station Water line Extension: Due to the fault of the contractors the total damaged of the flood that occurred on July 5, 2008 the cost estimated over \$100,000.00 in damages however RAWA compromised with the contractor to pay \$62,150.00. Mr. Setley stated that this amount was discussed with the circumstances in mind that RAWA could take the contractor to arbitration however it could cost the RAWA more money for legal fees. This cost assessment is for the 1st incident. RAWA still negotiating the 2nd incident.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Brogan and seconded by MR. Joseph Kuzminski to approve the settlement between the RAWA and LB Industries for the damages which occurred at the Amesway Booster Station located in Ontelaunee Township n July 5, 2008 in the amount of \$62,150.00. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Thomas Brogan to authorize the condemnation of lands of the Schuylkill River Greenway adjacent to the Water's Edge development is Bern Township for the purposes of obtaining a utility right-of-way through such lands. The condemnation, including all costs and awards shall be the responsibility of the developer of Water's Edge.

Executive Directors Report: Mr. Dean Miller, Executive Director, discussed

- Tapping Fees: Presented the Board with figures of the amount of revenue RAWA received in 2007 and 2008 as requested by the Board at the February 26, 2009 Stated Meeting. Mr. Miller stated in the year 2007 \$210,000.00 and in the year 2008 \$135,000.00.

There was discussion on the Tapping Fee Policy. The Board determined that they will discuss further at the March 10, 2009 Workshop Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Donna Glaze to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

The Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting will convene on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room, City Hall, Reading, PA.